

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the heading on page 6, line 25 with the following amended heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ~~SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE~~ DRAWING

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 12 of page 57 with the following amended paragraph:

The functions of various compounds for suppressing the acrylamide formation were measured by the method outlined in ~~[[FIG. 1]]~~ the Figure. The method shown in ~~[[FIG. 1]]~~ the Figure, which has been devised by the present inventors based on the technical ideas disclosed in "Chemical Research in Toxicology 13", pp. 517-522 (2000) and "Nature", 419, pp. 448-450 (2002) referred to previously in conjunction with the prior art, can be significantly used as a model test for estimating the function of suppressing the acrylamide formation which is attained by the compound to be tested in the food cooked under heat.